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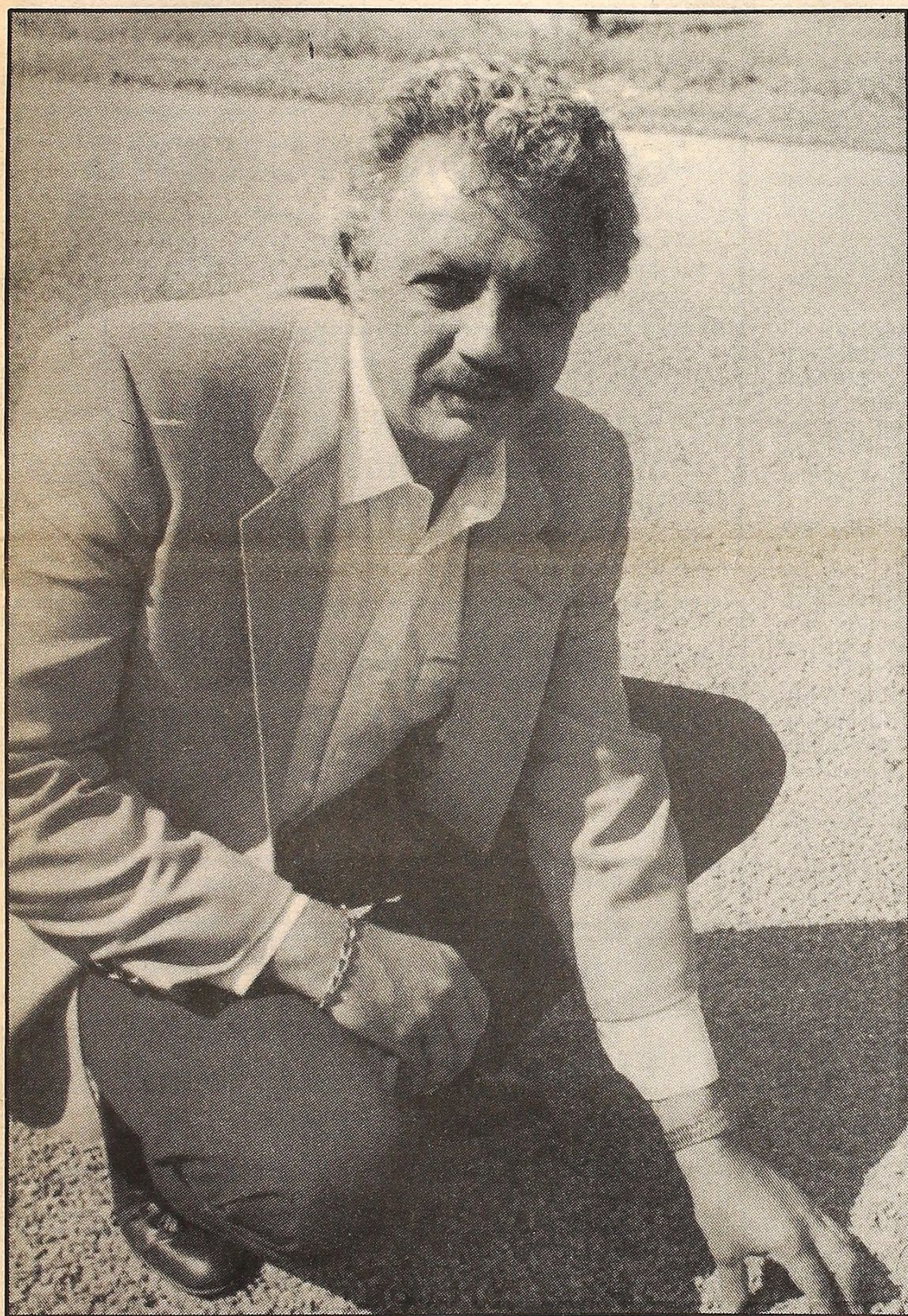
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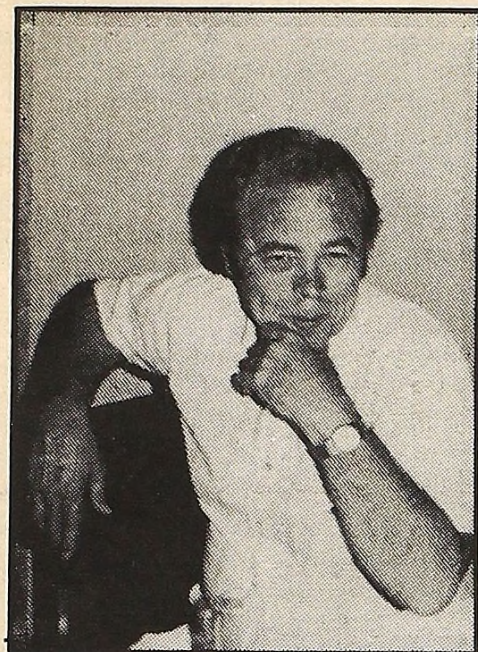
Man of the Year Award

**James Panos,
Director,
Department of
Public Works**

This is the first time that we at *The Romulus News* have named a Man of the Year. This year, the man we have named, James Panos, DPW Director, is well-deserving of the title. Panos came to this city under much fire and controversy, and has done an excellent job of overcoming it. Upon his arrival, he found bad drains and water mains, bad roads, and the bad attitudes of some DPW employees. Since then, Panos has seen to the complaints of the public in a swift, professional manner. Through working hand-in-hand with Mayor McAnally and the City Council, Panos has been able to rectify many problems that were neglected for years.

**Congratulations to James Panos, Director, Department of Public Works,
The Romulus News Man of the Year**

THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Special Guests

by D. A. Atkins

I have enjoyed many days in my life, especially with my lovely wife Evelyn. In fact, most of the better days of my life have been spent with this great lady, the very light of my life. Well, she's not actually the *total* light of my life; there are a few shaded areas that are taken up by someone else.

In the past, my wife and I worked every New Year's Eve, playing Country or Rock-a-billy music in some nightclub or at some private party. Thirty-five years seemed to be enough of that garbage for both of us, so, since we started this newspaper, we have decided to spend our New Year's Eve somewhere else. Last year, we spent it at a local motel; this year, we are going to be very busy spending our New Year's Eve at home.

Doesn't sound very exciting, does it? No, we are not having a private party, nor are we going to work on the Paper. We intend to spend one the most glorious New Year's Eves we have ever spent together.

I said we aren't going to have anyone over for a party, but that is not really true. Actually, we are having two of the sweetest people in the world stay at our house that night. They're not two of our children — I've told all of them to stay away. I don't want to see any of their faces until after New Year's Day. One daughter, the oldest one, will be staying with her grandmother, and the second oldest will be spending it with the other grandmother. The two youngest ones will probably party somewhere for two days.

Heavenly bliss is what it is called: New Year's Eve alone with two wonderful guests.

The people we have invited don't eat very much, so that eliminates one problem. (We're still broke from Christmas.) They're also fairly easy to get along with. Oh, sometimes they get upset if things don't go their way, but they're so nice that we don't let that bother us.

One of the few problems I may have with these guests is the fact that, if they are having a good time doing whatever it is we end up doing, then we are going to be in for a *long* night. Come to think of it, it may be worse than working all night at some bar.

Another problem is that these two usually drink a lot. It's not really a great deal more than other people their ages drink; in fact, I'd say their consumption is just about average.

The other problem with these two is that they are both a little hard to understand when they talk. One tends to talk at an almost screeching pitch, and the other has a bad habit of not finishing his sentences.

I said earlier that my wife is the light of my life, except for a couple of shaded areas which are taken up by someone else. That shaded part is occupied by the two guests we're spending New Year's Eve with — our two lovely grandsons, Christopher (age two) and Ronnie (age one). □

Strange Light Sighted

by D. A. Atkins

The day after Christmas, I received a call from a person who reported having seen a strange orange light at Hines Drive. The caller had contacted the Romulus Police Department, and was told there had been no other reported sightings. Shortly afterward, however, at about 1:30 a.m., the caller said he heard a report on his police scanner

concerning a strange object that had been sighted at I-75 and Eureka, Vining and Eureka, and the southwest corner of the Airport.

I contacted the departments of both the Wayne County Sheriff and the Romulus Police, and neither one had any record of calls going out over the dispatch concerning anything of the sort. A spokesman of Wayne County said the Sheriffs do, on Christmas Eve, dispatch a Santa Watch, but that would have been Saturday night, not Sunday. □

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Don't Tread On Me

by D. A. Atkins

Did you know that the U.S. Postal Service's latest labor contract gives mail carriers permission to tread across your lawn?

What the contract actually says is, "Letter carriers may cross lawns while making deliveries if customers do not object and there are no particular hazards to the carrier."

It seems to me that the Postal Service and/or the union are taking an awful lot for granted assuming it is all right to cross people's lawns without their permission. In many instances, there is no one at home to inform a Postal carrier not to do so. One man informed this paper that the carrier on his route has actually tracked a path across his yard, and he is very upset about it. His property is private, and he feels that neither the Postal Service nor anyone else has the right to give an employee permission to cross his yard, especially when sidewalks are available.

When you purchase a mailbox, the Postal Service automatically dictates its use, saying that nothing may be put into it except United States mail. You paid for it, but they control it. Will the same thing happen to our yards? It

would seem so, according to the current labor contract.

It isn't just Postal carriers who walk on our well-groomed lawns, either. Employees from the gas company, the water company, and the electric company do it, too, although they, at least, only trek across our lawns once a month or less. Still, it is neither right nor proper for them to do so without first obtaining our permission.

Mayor McAnally intends to have sidewalks throughout all parts of the City, both residential and commercial, but if the Postal Service can walk on your lawn, why bother? After all, the grass is much softer to walk on, and your shoes last much longer.

I wonder what would happen if we, as homeowners, tried to charge the Postal Service a certain percentage of our yearly lawn-maintenance costs since the carriers tread the grass down? Five would get you ten that a deal like that would not be accepted.

Write to the Postal Service and your Congressman if you disagree with the latest Postal Union contract agreement. (The section of the contract referred to above is in the NALC contract, page 177, Article 41.3.0, Section N.) □

balcony, trapped.

He considered entering the garages of nearby homes to look for a ladder with which to rescue the stranded people, but there was no time and, besides, he thought there might be additional trouble if he broke down someone's garage door, regardless of the reason.

He saw people coming out of the lower level of the house and asked them if anyone else was still inside, but they were not very cooperative. He knew the woman and girl on the balcony had to be rescued soon, or they would die in the blaze and smoke.

Mr. Stein climbed up a corner pole beside the house and helped the woman down; the young girl was terrified and crying. As he was assisting the woman, a young man in a pickup came by and backed his truck up to where Stein was so it would be easier for Stein to get down. A Romulus police officer then appeared on the scene, and he assisted Stein with the rescue of the girl. The man in the pickup left as soon as the rescue was over, and did not give his identity.

Fire Chief William Greenslait called this paper, trying to discover the names of the men who performed the rescue. I contacted Mr. Stein, but he could not identify the other man.

Greenslait wanted to award a citation to both men in front of City Council in early January. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the unidentified rescuer, please notify Chief Greenslait as soon as possible.

Many people would simply have driven past the burning house without lending a hand; Mr. Stein and the unidentified man chose to stop and help.

We at *The Romulus News* applaud Mr. Stein and the other gentleman for their heroic efforts in helping to save the lives of two human beings. □

City Wins Arbitration

by D. A. Atkins

The City of Romulus has won an arbitration case against former employee and local businessman, Mr. Sherman Youtsey. Donald F. Sugarman, the arbitrator in the case, upheld the City on its discharge of Youtsey, a foreman at the Department of Public Works (DPW), because of alleged 'acts of dishonesty.' Other employees also were allegedly involved in wrongdoing.

Youtsey began working at the DPW in December, 1970; the final decision on his discharge came, coincidentally, during that same month, 18 years later.

According to the Mayor of Romulus, Beverly McAnally, he is currently under investigation by the Michigan State Police Department.

When the allegations of dishonesty were brought to the attention of the Mayor and then-Police Chief Charles Wilmoth, they decided that an outside investigator should be hired to try to substantiate them. After lengthy investigations, photographs, and video recordings, it was determined that Mr. Youtsey should be dismissed (which was done in December, 1987), along with another DPW foreman.

When Youtsey was dismissed (with pay, for a period of time), the union to which he belonged followed up on a grievance filed by Youtsey, and brought the case to arbitration.

McAnally said she had known Mr. Youtsey and his family for about 20 years, and she hated to see something of this nature happen, especially to someone whom she had thought was her friend. She also stated that, friend or not, she had no alternative but to pursue the course of action she took when she learned of the wrongdoings that were occurring. The Mayor said she called Youtsey into her office when she first heard the allegations, and questioned him about their truth, but

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Fire Rescue

by D. A. Atkins

It must be an eerie feeling to be on your way to or from work and come across a burning house whose occupants are trying to escape but can't. What should you do?

Well, if you ask a certain young man from New Boston that same question, he will readily tell you: stop your car, get out, and help in any way you can. This is what happened to Roger Stein.

Mr. Stein was on his way to work at about 5:30 a.m. He works in North-

west Airlines' ground operations section at Metro Airport.

While driving down Goddard in Romulus, he noticed smoke coming from the rear of a house near the Wonder Bakery, so he stopped his car across the street and ran up to the house next door. He banged on the door, trying to arouse someone to call the fire department, but, according to Mr. Stein, no one responded. He then noticed a woman and a young girl on the second-story

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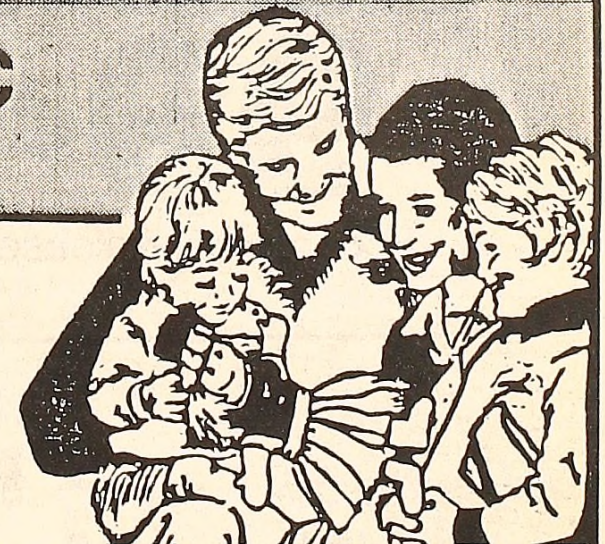
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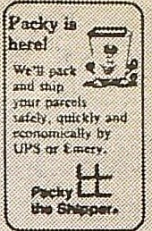
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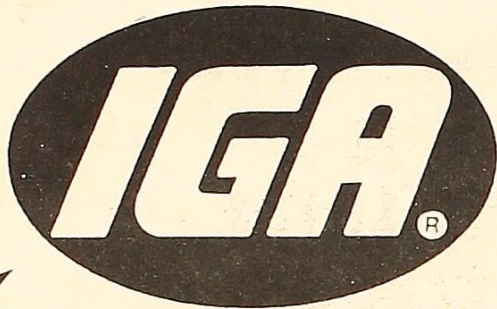
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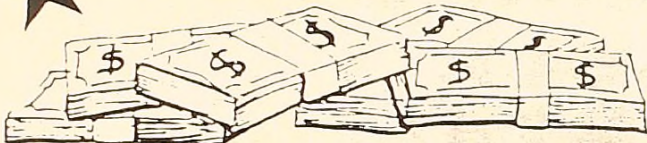
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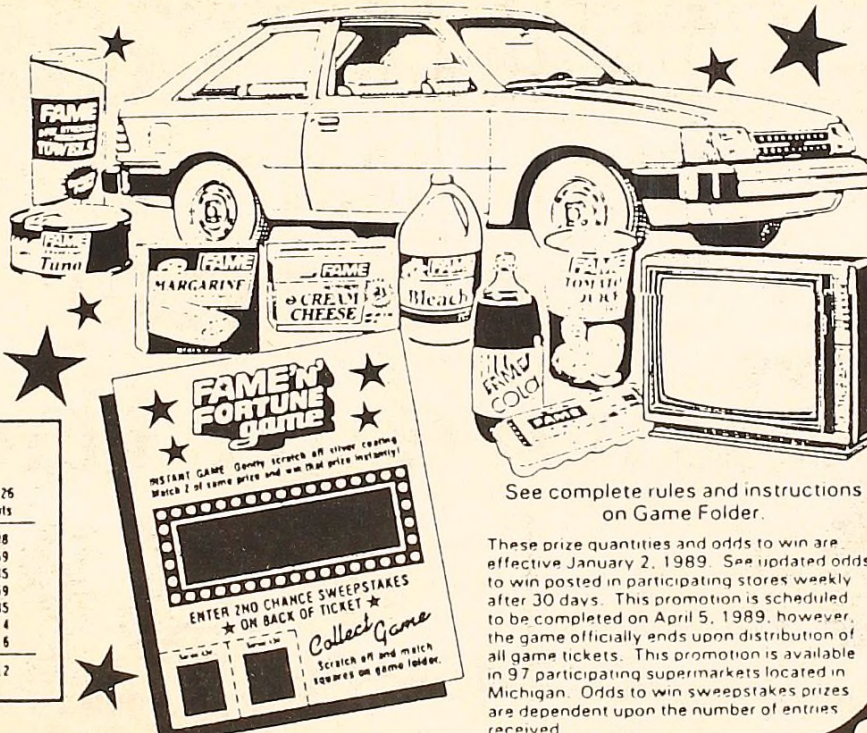


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\$20.00	535	1 in 14,804	1 in 1,139	1 in 569
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\$1.00	80,000	1 in 99	1 in 8	1 in 4
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Our Body's Amazing Wisdom

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Our body has a remarkable innate ability to live within our environment, resist disease and disorder, and perform millions of functions simultaneously and with great efficiency and wisdom. This automatic compensatory and balancing process is called homeostasis or "innate intelligence." Our body's ability to send specialized cells to an open cut to fight off an infection, raise the body's temperature, build a new wall, and carry away the debris, is beyond all human comprehension. If we lost this remarkable ability we would all die, and all the known "miracle" drugs could not save us. The human body has its own built-in "drug store" which produces antibodies, insulin, antihistamines, hormones, etc., and uses them wisely. While no one fully understands how these complex functions take place, scientists do recognize that the nervous system plays a vital role in homeostasis.

The blood vessels and capillaries in our body, strung end to end, would circle

the world! Our body is more sophisticated and complex than a major metropolitan city. Our body hums and explodes with chemical changes. The body also glows, which can be seen with special photography. Every ninety days, the body replaces its worn cells with new ones.

The human heart, which is the size of a fist, pumps over 2,000 gallons of blood a day, attaining speeds of up to sixty miles an hour. Furthermore, the body produces several million red blood cells *every second!* The shape of a red blood cell is that of a bi-concave disc, which engineers say represents the best shape there is for maximum surface exposure and stability when carrying oxygen.

The brain, which weighs about three pounds, has the capacity to internally integrate its various functions and create totally original ideas that no computer yet designed has ever been able to accomplish.

This is our amazing body! The same wisdom that created and maintains our body also heals it. This does not rule out the *rational* utilization of drugs and surgery, but we must rely on treatments which work "in harmony" with our body

whenever feasible. Hippocrates emphasized the healing power of nature and instructed, "Above all, do no harm." While some doctors may have lost sight of this great wisdom, doctors of chiropractic firmly adhere to this sound philosophy. □

Accidents

by J. H. Barden, D.O.

Accidents are the leading cause of death and injury of children in the United States over the age of one. They cause 42% of the deaths in the one-to-four age group, 50% in the five-to-14 age group, and 53% in the 15-to-24 group. The bulk of these fatal accidents consists of house fires, auto accidents, pedestrian-related accidents, drownings, falls, and poisonings.

Some children are at greater risk of an accident. This group of accident-prone children includes: children exhibiting aggressive, rough, nervous behavior, children from large families, and males. Also, there is a greater incidence of accidents in poorer families.

Certain age groups have special risks. All newborn children should be contained in automobile restraints. Children should use an infant seat until they weigh 40 pounds, and then regular seat belts should be used. Eight hundred children a year lose their lives in

auto accidents, and thousands more are injured.

Baby cribs and beds should be approved by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Also, the water temperature of the home's hot water heater should be set to 125°F or less.

At two months, most children can roll. Parents must be careful that children don't roll off a counter top or bed.

At four months, children can reach for or grab objects near them, so sharp, breakable items should be kept out of their reach, as well as small, swallowable items and poisonous substances.

At six months, most children can creep, crawl, pull themselves up on furniture, and grab dangerous objects. The home should be child-proofed. Again, sharp, small, breakable, and poisonous items must be kept out of reach.

At nine months, poisoning becomes more significant. There are 850,000 incidences of accidental poisonings a year in children under five years of age. The typical victim is a two- to three-year-old boy from a lower socioeconomic family under stress. Most poisonings occur in the kitchen, with the bathroom a close second. The regional Poison Control Center phone number is 745-5711. Parents should write it

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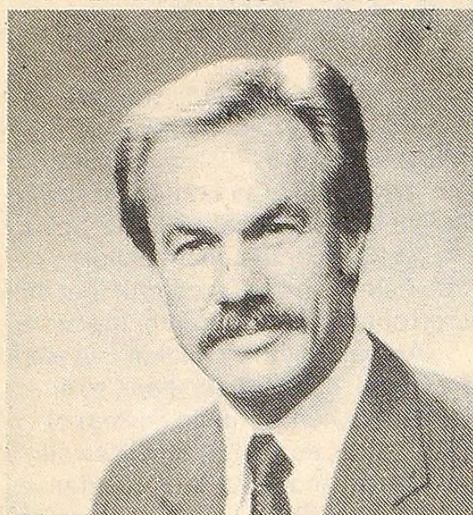
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KOSTEVA'S REPORT



by James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Legislation Proposes Guidelines for Visitation in Custody Cases

Under a House bill now before the Senate, a court order in child-custody cases would contain specific guidelines for the frequency, duration, and conditions of visits between the child and the non-custodial parent. The court would consider the special needs of the child, any likelihood of abuse or neglect during the visit, and the ability of either parent to meet the visitation requirements. The order would also detail each parent's responsibility to transport the child, and restrict or require the presence of a third party during the visit. **House-Passed Bill Would Ease Name-Change Restrictions for Some Children**

A House bill that would make it easier for a mother to change the name of her children to her own family name if they have been abandoned by their family is close to passage in the Legislature. Currently, both parents must give their approval to a name change for a minor child. The proposed law would permit the legal name change without the consent of the non-custodial parent if he (or she) cannot be located and has made no attempt to contact or support the child for two years. **House Bills Address Issue of Medical Self-Determination**

The House has passed a bill that would allow individuals to designate another person to implement the individual's specific medical decisions if he or she falls into a permanent unconscious state or is completely incapacitated by terminal illness. The bill is designed to ensure that the individual's wishes for either maximum care or a natural death will be carried out. Some kind of medical self-determination legislation has been adopted in 39 states. **Bills Refine State Services to Deaf Persons**

House lawmakers recently voted to rename the State's Division on Deafness and redefine its duties. A related House-passed bill would establish a Division on Deafness Fund. The voluntary contributions to the fund would help support State services to deaf and

hearing-impaired persons who encounter communication difficulties in employment, education, housing, or public accommodations.

Recycle Promotion Bills Pass House

House lawmakers have approved a three-bill package that would promote plastic recycling in Michigan. One of the bills would authorize State grants for research into new technologies and marketing for products made from recycled plastic. The second House bill would require a special identifying code on plastic containers that could be recycled. The third bill would establish a council of State government, recycling industry, environmental, and academic officials, which would work to remove regulatory barriers to efficient recycling in Michigan.

House Considers Increased Retirement Benefits for Teachers

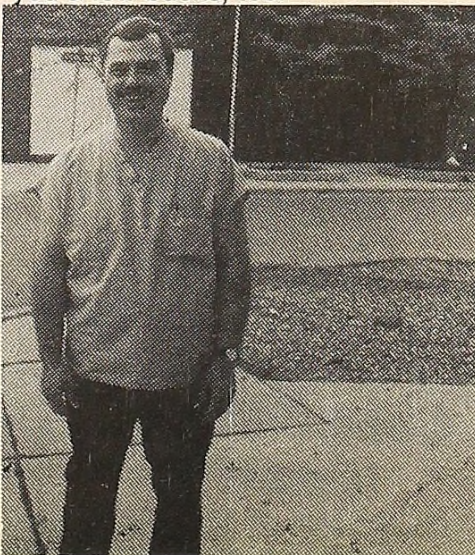
Under a bill close to passage in the House, retired teachers and other school employees would receive 90% coverage of their dental, optical, and hearing medical expenses. The legislation would authorize the State's Public School Employee Retirement System to cover these expenses for retirees and their beneficiaries.

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Leave Your Worries to Me

by Tom Shamanski

Have you seen the bumper sticker that says, "I owe, I owe, it's off to work I go"? Sneezy, the Dwarf who penned that little ditty, must have known one of my creditors. The last time I was out of debt was second grade. I owe the butcher (my sad-eyed mutt is blind to everything except prime rib); the baker (can't get through the day without a dozen blueberry muffins); the candlestick maker (so, the guy had a great buy on a gross of rose-scented candles... what could I do?); and I probably owe you a few bucks, too.



If so, please quit calling! I've started a new, trendy business and will soon be paying everyone. The inspiration for this venture sprang from my constant worrying about debts. I couldn't eat. Couldn't sleep. Couldn't even read the latest issue of *Money* magazine! I was a mess, folks — shuffling from town to town, staring at my footprints. Then, one day in Bloomfield Hills, while scrounging for discarded 'Susan B. Anthony's, it hit me! Others worry, too, I thought, and not only about money — there are mountains of juicy worries out there. As I'd become an acknowledged leader in worryology, I figured, why not use this expertise and offer to worry for others? I dubbed my cutting-edge business Alternative Worry Care, Inc.

As yet, I haven't pocketed enough bucks to make my creditors even skip for joy (really, guys), but I don't worry about it anymore. Business is great! From one small classified ad, I now have more than 200 'clients.' I assume their worries (which, for me, a professional worryologist, is as easy as deciding between taking a nap or taunting a pit bull), and they pay me. The fee, of course, depends on the complexity of my client's worry. If it's a biggie (usually

one hour of worry-time each day), my weekly fee is in the comfortable neighborhood of \$200; smaller stuff, smaller fee. Simple.

What's not so simple, however, are some of the worries I've acquired. Here are a few examples, but I'll use phony names to protect myself from worrisome lawsuits.

So far, the most unusual worry is that of Mrs. Betty Boomer. She was worrying her three-year-old son, Joshua, might not attend Harvard Medical School, as she and Mr. Boomer had meticulously planned. It seems Josh prefers playing with his sister's dolls and such, rather than the genuine, gold-plated, initialed stethoscope the Boomers presented him at birth. Mrs. Boomer, fearful Josh may grow up wanting only to marry, have kids, and be a good house-husband, was chewing her nails to the nub (acrylic, yet), grinding her teeth to gold dust, and beginning to exhibit early symptoms of psychotic depression (plus a touch of the flu) when I took the case. I'm happy to report the Boomers are completely satisfied with my service. Oh, Josh still plays with dolls, but they don't worry about it. I do. Because of the validity of this worry, as well as its

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Explorers Serve Dinner

by D. A. Atkins

The Romulus Explorers (Explorers are a division of the Boy Scouts) served dinner to the Romulus Rotary in a fund-raising effort. The dinner, spaghetti, was cooked by many chefs — in fact, there were almost too many cooks for the brew.

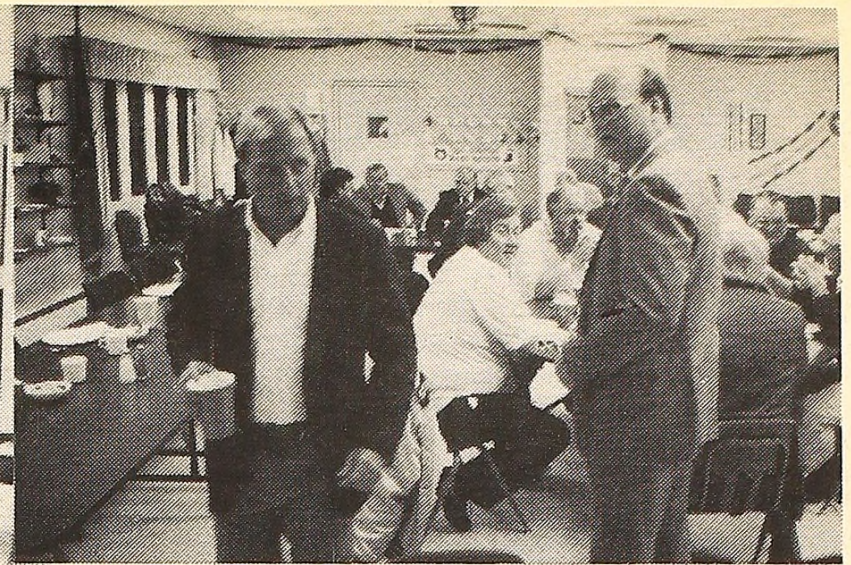
The Romulus Explorers are learning about police work through involvement with the Romulus Police Department. Officer Ellis and Sergeant Poe are the two men who do a great deal of work with the Explorers, and they supervised the dinner. Both Ellis and Poe were caught with their hands in the pot (I think they should have left the cooking to the cooks), and Officer Rafalski of the Romulus Police Department and Romulus High School Principal Tom Dolan were seen 'tasting' rather large quantities of the spaghetti before it was served.

The young men and women involved in the fund-raising dinner were Matt Avery, Pete Bergeron, Rochelle Brooks, Eddie Daughenbaugh, Scott Ellis, Tim Foley, Patricia Kortas, and Jim Suddeth; The other representative of the Romulus Police Department (besides Ellis, Poe, and Rafalski) was Sergeant Semrau.

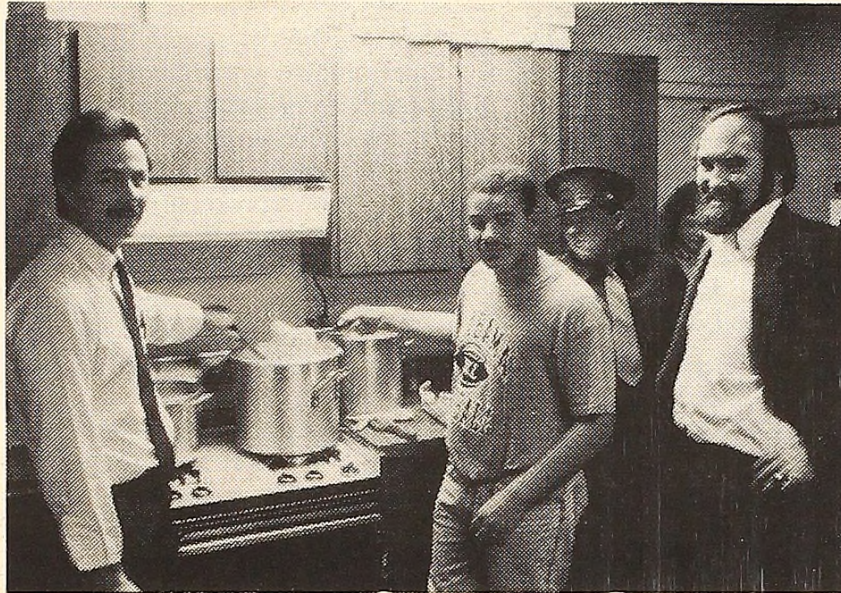
All in all, the dinner went quite well, and if you ever need a catered dinner, I strongly suggest the Explorers — provided you can keep the police officers and high-school principals out of the kitchen. □



Explorers Kortas, Bergeron, Foley, Brooks, and Daughenbaugh



"Pete" Bergeron and other Rotary members preparing to have a spaghetti dinner



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Happy New Year!

From the A.D.

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. I hope all of our fans and athletes have tied a red ribbon to their automobiles to symbolize that they will not be drinking and driving over the holidays. We have lost far too many of our best citizens, and, unfortunately, even our best students, to needless accidents. This is a very exciting, but also dangerous, time of the year, and I truly hope that adults will use common sense in what they allow their teenagers to become involved in over the holidays.

There tends to be an attitude of, "If my kid only drinks alcohol, then

everything is okay." Young people have very little experience with cars, winter roads, or alcohol, and therefore often make tragic errors in judgment that lead to serious injury and, oftentimes, death.

As a teacher, coach, and now administrator in this district, I have found some of the best young people in this area right in Romulus High School, but I have also learned that intelligence and common sense are two different things.

I recently attended the funeral of a young, beautiful 17-year-old girl whose life came to a close because of alcohol. A lot of people were wondering what they could have done to prevent this needless death. I don't know that anyone, by himself, could have prevented it, but I know that a little common sense on the part of her, her friends, and

"whomever was the buyer" in this incident might have made a difference. I know that they have to be feeling really bad at this moment.

I hope that Romulus will not have to deal with this type of tragedy now or in the near future. I think that, if we all work together and truly care about each other, we can all have a very happy holiday season.

Best Wishes. □

Wrestling

by Fred Coleman

The Romulus wrestling team is on a roll again this season, with recent victories over Clarenceville and Southgate Anderson, as well as a close second-place finish behind number-two-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice at the John Glenn Invitational.

The Eagle wrestlers moved their season record to a perfect 7-0 in dual meets and a first- and second-place finish in tournaments.

Still undefeated for the Eagles are senior Paul Nowicki and junior Tim Kosikowski, with many other team members with only one or two losses.

The Eagles will return home on January 10 to meet Ypsilanti and John Glenn. A date all wrestling fans will want to mark on their calendar is Saturday, January 28, as Romulus will host the South Central Conference meet beginning at 10 a.m. You won't want to miss this fine group of athletes as they attempt to repeat as League Champions in 1989. □

Varsity Basketball

by Laurie Berlinn

Yes, everyone said playing in the SCC (South Central Conference) League would be tough, but it looks like the 1988 Romulus basketball team is one of the

'toughies' this year.

As you know, the Eagles started out, after three games, on the winning side, and were 1-0 in the SCC.

Going into the game against Warren De La Salle, the Eagles didn't know how hard it would be. The main contributors in the first half were Diya Muhammad and Grayam Scott. They combined for 18 points to keep the score close, with De La Salle up 26-22.

Romulus didn't give up, but neither would De La Salle, as they outscored them to a final score of 63-52.

In their next match-up, the Eagles hosted League rival Ypsilanti. The Eagles ended this battle with a late basket to pull ahead of the Braves by two and win, 57-55. The leading scorer was Diya Muhammad, who had 13, and close behind were Grayam Scott and Virgil Davis with 12.

The Eagles played a tough Ann Arbor Huron on their next outing. After being ahead 24-23 at the half, Romulus let the Rats outscore them 21-12 in the third quarter, and 11-21 in the fourth.

Although they lost this one 65-47, the Eagles are 2-1 in the league and are in a tight race for first place.

Keep up the good work, guys! □

Varsity Volleyball

by Fred Coleman

The Varsity Volleyball program has jumped off to a 4-1-1 record with a second-place finish in the Taylor Invitational Tournament.

"It's starting out somewhat how I expected," said Coach Gail Coleman. "We have moments when it appears we cannot be beaten, and other moments when . . . well, we could play a lot better."

The Eagles have victories over Oak Park, Wyandotte, and Taylor Kennedy. They have split with Riverview and, in

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Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, November 14, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, November 14, 1988, was called to order by President Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Bales, Langley, and Wilkerson absent (each excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

Approval of Agenda:

11/88/5 Moved by Kesner supported by King the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

11/88/6 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Minutes of October 24, 1988, be approved as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mrs. Cain questioned how a flute could be stolen from the high school Band Room.

Mrs. Powers commented on the Board's decision to reduce debt fund millage.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

11/88/7 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board approve the permanent layoff of Catherine Bauer, Karen Dahlstrom, Judy Gunn and Richard Darga due to reduction of Special Education students. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/88/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Millage Thanks

11/88/9 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the placement of ads in the two local papers to thank millage workers. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Final Yearbook Payment Adjustment

11/88/10 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve an additional payment of \$350.00 to Graphic Creators for one year's use of two (2) computers and final payment for all claims on the yearbook (\$7,835.38). Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip - NJROTC

11/88/11 Moved by King supported by Kesner the Board authorize NJROTC Cadets to visit the Naval Station at Norfolk, Va., from Nov. 28, 1988, to Dec. 1, 1988. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Dolan Memo - Travel Club; 2) In-formula Group Letter; 3) Hurst Letter of Thanks - EMU; 4) Science Fair Minutes; and 5) WCCC Invitation to Students.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member King reported on WCASB.

Executive Session/Negotiations/Tom Schwarze

11/88/12 Moved by King supported by Kesner the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:59 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:27 P.M.

Adjournment:

11/88/13 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Millage Election Meeting, November 8, 1988

The Millage Election Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Tuesday, November 8, 1988, was called to order by President Berlinn at 9:02 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

Approval of Agenda:

11/88/1 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11/88/2 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Langley the Board recess for Millage Election returns. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board recessed for Millage Election returns at 9:04 P.M. and meeting was called back into session at 9:25 P.M. by President Berlinn.

Official Election Results:

1988 4.5 Mills — Ayes: 3563, Nays: 2740; 1989-1991 2 Mills — Ayes: 3413, Nays: 2692.

11/88/3 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the 1988 Winter Tax Levy of 24.55 mills. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

11/88/4 Moved by Patterson supported by King the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

SPORTS 'N' NEWS

the finals of the Tournament, lost to Riverview 14-16 and 11-15.

"I think we got tired," added Gail. "It just appeared that the legs gave out in the final match, and I think first-tournament nerves and maybe a lack of sleep led to this."

Playing well for the Eagles in the Tournament were sophomores Michele Scarrow and Jennifer Daniel. Both played excellent defense, according to

Coach Coleman, and, "Michele was, no doubt, our most consistent server and hitter for the day."

Jennifer also had some key offensive attacks, but spent most of the day sharing the 'setting' chore with senior Mikki DiBenedetto.

"Jennifer is only going to get better as the year goes on. It's a new position for her, but Saturday showed just how quickly she will learn from her mistakes.

Right now, our setting and team leadership chores are on the shoulders of Mikki and senior Laurie Berlinn, and both are demonstrating the character needed to make this good team a great team," said Coleman.

The biggest highlight of the season so far was the impressive victory over 1988 League and District champion Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Varsity Eagles defeated the Pioneers by winning the best three out of five by scores of 15-11, 17-15, and 15-8.

Led by the fine offensive play of senior Julie Machinski and junior Chris Stratton, the Eagles took charge of the match and never let up.

It's early in the season, I know," added Coleman, "but this is a big victory for us. It tells us, with work, we can be on top of this league this year, and that would say an awful lot for these girls and for the program in general."

Setters Jennifer Daniel and Mikki DiBenedetto both had excellent games by taking good defensive plays from Michele Scarrow and Chris Stratton and turning them into 'kills' by Julie and Laurie Berlinn.

Volleyball is like an 'extra point' in football. The 'kicker' seems to get all the credit for the field goal or extra point, but if you don't get a good snap from center and a good 'hold,' then the kicker never gets his chance to shine. The same is true in volleyball. Hitters seem to get a lot of credit and recognition, but backline defense is what wins games.

"This year our backline looks as strong as I have ever had," added Gail, "and if we can just get a decent pass to Jen and Mikki, I know they will convert it into a solid offensive play."

The 'backline pass' to the 'setter' to the 'hitter' is how teamwork goes in the sport of volleyball, and this year's Varsity appears to have the talent to make that teamwork click.

On Thursday, December 29, the Varsity Eagles host the fourth annual Romulus Christmas Invitational, with Trenton, Jackson, Flint Central, Belleville, Wyandotte Mt. Carmel, Pontiac Catholic, and Gabriel Richard coming to the High School gym for an 8:30 a.m. start.

Trenton and Pontiac Catholic both went to the State Quarterfinals last year, and appear to be the favorites this year, but the Romulus Eagles are planning on surprising a few folks this season, especially in their own tournament.

The cost of an all-day tournament ticket is \$3, and if you attend you will see some of the best volleyball in the entire area.

The next League game will take place on January 4 at 6 p.m. against Ypsilanti. Hope to see all of our volleyball fans welcoming this fine team to the 1988-89 home season. □

Junior Varsity Volleyball

by Fred Coleman

The Junior Varsity volleyball program is off to what appears to be the beginning of an exciting and productive season.

Behind the excellent performance

of sophomore Brooke Hammers, the Junior Varsity volleyballers defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer by a lopsided score of 15-3, 15-7. Susan Molenda and Renee Bitner led the way with consistent serving and hitting off of Brooke's sets.

"It's tough to open up this early in the season against a team like Pioneer," stated Coach Dennis Stoh, "but I am really impressed with the progress these girls have made so far, and I think, by mid-season, this group will be an excellent volleyball squad."

The Junior Varsity Eagles moved their season record to 6-1 with victories over River Rouge (15-5, 15-4), Wyandotte (15-8, 15-11), Riverview (15-5, 15-6), Taylor Kennedy (15-4, 15-8), and Southgate Anderson (15-10, 15-10).

The only loss of the season, to that point, was in the finals of the Taylor Invitational, and that came at the hands of a very good Garden City team.

"A lot of our girls had not played in a tournament before, and I think the length of the day just wore them out," added Coach Stoh.

They lost to Garden City by scores of 6-15, 6-15, in spite of great individual performances by sophomores Brooke Hammer, Susan Molenda, Renee Bitner, and Angie Slawinski. Renee served 100% for the day, and was a main ingredient in the backline with 23 receptions. Susan Molenda accounted for 31 points on the day and also contributed greatly in the backline. Brooke Hammers served for 38 points while serving as team leader on the floor, with Angie Slawinski (19 kills and 21 service points) in the roles of setter and play leader.

Showing a lot of promise for the young Eagle team are freshmen Heide Bussard (20 service points), Jenny McClure (four service points and four kills), Brandy Arnold, Charmaine Smith, and Yolanda Hullum.

"Our freshmen are all pretty much equally talented at this time," added Stoh. "It appears that the girls who work the hardest are going to be the ones that get the most play this season. They're a very good group, and I truly expect to see much progress and a great season from this bunch!"

The next home game is set for January 4 against Ypsilanti at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there. □

J.V. Volleyball Tournament

by Fred Coleman

For the second straight weekend, the Romulus Junior Varsity Volleyball team ran into a very tough opponent for the championship game and fell one notch short of the crown.

This week, Ladywood was the culprit, handing the young, hustling volleyballers defeat, 15-11 and 15-8.

"The girls played their hearts out," said Coach Dennis Stoh, "but Ladywood is an excellent team. We lost to them in the finals last year, also, and we knew we were in for a game."

Brooke Hammers and Sue Molenda led the way on offense for the young Eagles, with Renee Bitner and Angie Slawinski taking care of most of the

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Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, November 28, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, November 28, 1988, was called to order by Vice President Wilkerson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Berlinn, Kesner and Langley absent (each excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Wilkerson.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell requested Item D. "Appointment of Negotiating Team" become Item M.

11/88/14 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public at this meeting.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval: A. Resignations: William Smith, Principal - Barth, Other Employment, Eff. 12/2/88; and Joann Whitefoot, Para - Cory, Moving Out-of-State, Eff. 11/25/88.

11/88/15 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/88/16 Moved by Patterson supported by Bales the Board approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Budget Report

Administrator Carr made a brief budget report.

Discussion of Barth Principal Appointment

Dr. Bedell, Superintendent, advised the Board of transferring Mr. Chuck Shamey, Principal at Hayti, to Barth School to fill vacancy left by Bill Smith's resignation and then placing Mr. Hal Connon at Hayti School as Principal.

(Member Berlinn entered meeting at 7:50 P.M.; Member Kesner entered meeting at 7:53 P.M.)

Teen Health Committee Resolution

11/88/17 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the resolution presented providing instruction to the Board's Adolescent Health Advisory Committee. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion of Para "Time Share"

Moved to Executive Session - Negotiations.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Huron Letter of Congratulations; 2) Dennis Oakes Letter - L.D.F.A.; 3) Two Letters of Thanks - R.H.S. and WCCC; 4) Mayor Invitation to Recreation Committee; and 5) Memo to Teachers - Negotiations.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Bales: Asked for cost breakdown on Enterprise High.

Member King: Commented on the play at the high school and how well the students performed.

Member Berlinn: Commented on late delivery by U.S. Mail on invitation to Club Cafe on November 23, 1988.

Student Expulsions

11/88/18 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the resolution calling for permanently excluding Student "A" from attendance at any school within the Romulus Community School District. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11/88/19 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board approve the resolution calling for permanently excluding Student "B" from attendance at any school within the Romulus Community School District. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session - Negotiations

11/88/20 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:18 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:13 P.M.

11/88/21 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board appoint their negotiating team for REA Negotiations as follows: Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Chief Negotiator; Mr. Joel R. Carr; three (3) building Administrators and one (1) Board Member.

Adjournment:

11/88/22 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

SCHOOLS

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solid defensive play. These four girls return to the team with some experience, but volleyball is a *complete* team game, and two other players are needed to be successful.

Leading the play at the other two positions in this tournament were freshmen Heide Bussard and Jenny McClure. Jenny's 10 straight service points put away Jackson (third-place finisher) in the preliminary rounds. Brandy Arnold also had a good night, with Tammy Gooch filling in occasionally for some key service points.

All in all, it was a great team performance, with everyone contributing her best. The young Eagles improved their record to 10-2 with victories over Trenton, Allen Park Cabrini, and Jackson, as well as a semifinal victory over Wyandotte Mt. Carmel. □

Chamber Hosts Party

by D. A. Atkins

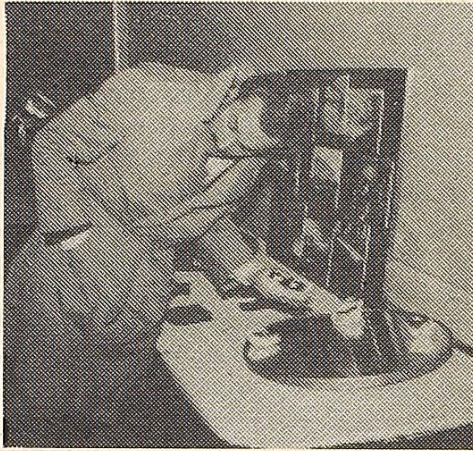
Many people from both government and business attended the Romulus Chamber of Commerce party at the Ramada Inn on December 15. It was the first such party that I had attended, and it was quite enjoyable.

The dignitaries present were too numerous to mention here, but some of those in attendance were Mayor

McAnally, who gave a short talk, several City Council members, and Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of the Romulus School District.

Dan Bales, Secretary of the Romulus School Board, received the Person of the Year Award — a real honor. Other guests were given various door prizes.

The Chamber, I thought, gave a very good party, and it would be less than grateful if I failed to mention how great the food supplied by the Ramada Inn was. A great deal of work went into the party, and it was definitely appreciated by those who attended. □

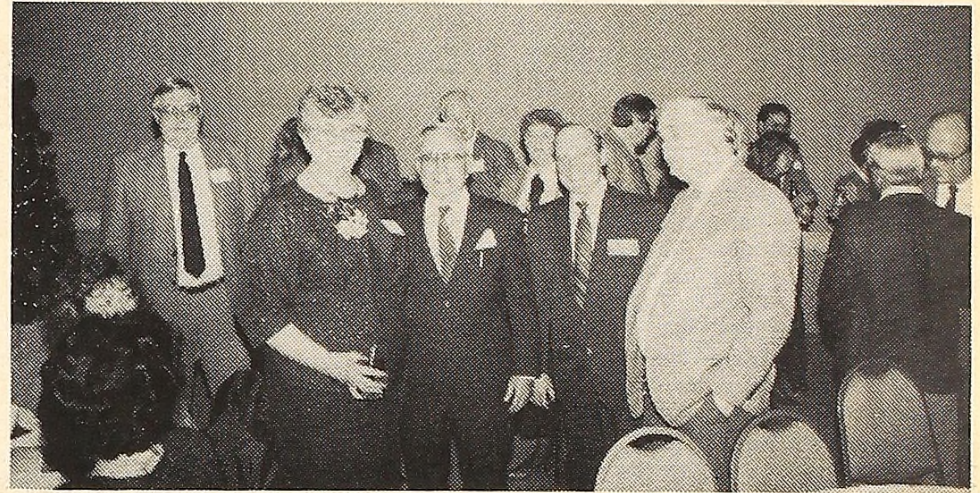


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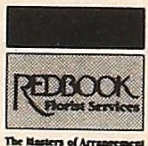
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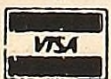
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complexity, I'm charging the Boomers top price (got a long-term contract with a lien on their house, too).

Another client is Mr. Les B. Freeman, a 67-year-old gentleman who was worrying his children would discover he was spending their inheritance attending Clown School in Dade County, Florida. (After graduation, he plans to travel the rodeo circuit, clowning and diverting bulls gone awry.) Poor Les was worrying so much, his Clown School grades had taken a dramatic triple tumble. I took the case, and Les, freed from worry, is now vying for the prestigious title of Class Clown. I like Les, and agreed to barter for my fee... no money, but he will outfit me each Halloween.

So, folks, financially, things are looking up (the check's practically in the mail, guys), but I still need more clients. If interested, call me at my toll-free number: 1-800-555-WORY. We'll talk. If I'm not in, chances are I'm cruising in my new Cadillac Seville. Leave your number and *don't worry* — I'll call buck, er, back. □

ACCIDENTS

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down near the phone and keep Syrup of Ipecac on hand. If a poisoning occurs, parents should call the Poison Control Center before doing anything else.

Fire and drownings account for 1,500 deaths each year. Matches and lighters should be kept from children, and children should be taught to swim at an early age. Most children can learn to swim before they can learn to walk.

Young school-age children should be taught street-crossing safety and not to play near traffic. Playgrounds should be inspected before children are allowed to play on them.

Seatbelt usage, traffic safety, bicycle safety, and swimming skills should be taught to pre-teenagers. Many of the accidents of teenagers are related to drug and alcohol use.

In review:

- Children should be required to use car restraints.
- Children should use only approved CPSC cribs and beds.
- Water heater temperatures should be set at 125°F or less.
- Children should be wached so they don't fall off a raised surface and injure themselves.
- All small, sharp, breakable, or poisonous items should be kept out of the reach of children.
- Write down, near the phone, the number of the Poison Control Center (1-745-5711).
- Keep Syrup of Ipecac on hand in case of poisoning.
- If a poisoning occurs, do nothing until the Poison Control Center is contacted at 1-745-5711.
- Children should not be allowed to use walkers.
- Car seats and seat belts should be used by all children.
- Matches and lighters should be kept from children and even excluded from the house.
- Children should be taught to swim at an early age.
- Children should be taught traffic safety and playgrounds should be inspected.
- Drug and alcohol use should be discussed with pre-teenage children — this should include a visit to school counselors.

Accidents are the primary cause of death and injury in young people under 25. Most of these are avoidable.

The source of this information is a well-written article by Dr. James P. Cardosis of Virginia.

If you have any questions, please feel free to telephone me at 699-0000. □

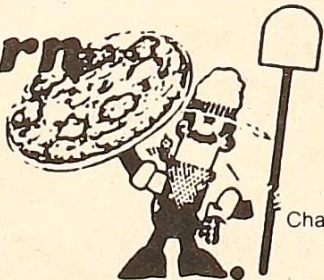
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THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

Thanks go to Marilyn Masters and Barbara Schultz for contributing information to this issue's "Senior Class" news.

News from the Senior Center

Please note that the Center will be closed December 30 through January 2. All recreational classes will resume on January 3.

On Tuesday, January 3, the sign-up sheets for January's van trips will be available for signatures.

The bus tour to ?? will be leaving the Center at 7:45 a.m. on January 26. Cost of the Mystery Trip is \$28, and seats are still available.

The February 23 bus trip is scheduled for the Chelsea area for a tour of the Jiffy Mix factory, and shopping at Briarwood in Ann Arbor. Lunch will be at Bill Knapp's.

Our friends from Heritage Hospital will be at the Center on Monday, January 9, to take blood-pressure readings. This is a free service to all area seniors.

If you like the feel of magic fingers going up and down your spine, the Senior Center is the place for you. Massages will be given to seniors on Mondays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Center, free of charge. You'll find it very relaxing!

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Addressing the continuing high unemployment rate in Southern Wayne County, the Senior Community Service Employment Program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons is available to assist those persons seeking employment.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program provides work experience for people aged 55 and older with limited financial resources. Clients are placed in non-profit or public service Host Agency positions for 20 hours per week to receive on-the-job training. The goal is to bring these people back into the labor force, utilizing their skills and developing new ones for greater employability. The ultimate goal is for

clients to obtain employment off the program.

Our office services the entire Southern Wayne County Area. Currently, we have 94 Older Workers in positions such as clerk/typists, day-care aides, bookkeepers, library aides, custodians, drivers, and more. Positions for eligible applicants are available throughout Southern Wayne County.

Those wishing more information may call 281-2470 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 15100 Northline Road (Room 155A), Southgate. Call today and enjoy the benefits of working.

Homestead Property Tax Credit

Beginning January 2, 1989, forms for your tax credit will be available in the Treasurer's Office at City Hall. If you have been sent a form from the State of Michigan, the Treasurer's Office will be glad to assist you in filling it out. The following is a list of information you will need to bring:

- Social Security number,
- interest amounts and statements,
- pension benefits (bring statement if available),
- Social Security benefits (bring statement if available),
- Veteran's disability compensation (bring statement if available),
- the amount of health-insurance premiums paid by you for yourself and your family,
- auto insurance papers indicating the amount paid for *bodily injury*,
- all other household income,
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Romulus Police Lieutenant David A. Early Graduates from National Academy

Lieutenant David A. Early of the Romulus Police Department was one of over 200 law-enforcement officers who graduated from the National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, on December 9. This 155th Session consisted of men and women from 48 states, the District of Columbia, 10 foreign countries, five military units, and two Federal civilian agencies.

Internationally famous for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers advanced training in the most modern police investigative and management skills. Each of the men and women selected to attend has a proven record as a professional within his or her agency.

Camaraderie, professional development, and intense study marked the 11-week National Academy training program. Students drew on their personal backgrounds and also applied hard-won 'street' experience to the theory and problems they faced during full days in the classrooms, laboratories, firing ranges, and gymnasium of the FBI Academy.

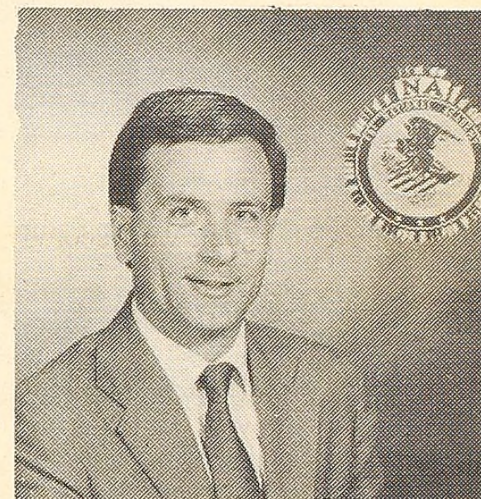
FBI Executive Assistant Director John E. Otto was the principal speaker at the ceremony. In his remarks, he reminded the graduates that as law enforcement advances technologically, so does the criminal. In order to win the war, law enforcement at all levels must band together. Communication and cooperation are the best weapons against crime.

The class elected Lieutenant Robert

William Bauers, Sr., as their spokesman. Lieutenant Bauers is from the New Jersey State Police Department, Trenton, New Jersey.

The University of Virginia awards undergraduates and graduate college credits for National Academy courses. The FBI staffs the Academy with experienced Agents holding advanced degrees, many of them nationally recognized in their fields. Research papers, computer-generated departmental budgets, and personnel assessments frequently are taken from the academic environment at Quantico and applied to actual police work around the world.

To date, 21,934 men and women have graduated, and more than 14,000 are still active in law enforcement. The effectiveness of the training is evident, as one out of every eight current graduates ranks as the chief executive of a police agency. □



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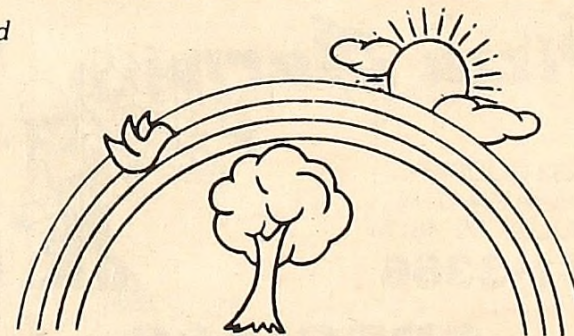
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From the Recreation Center

Floor Hockey All-Star Games

On Saturday, December 10, the Romulus Recreation Department held its North vs. South Floor Hockey All-Star Games.

In the first game, which consisted of third- and fourth-grade boys, South squeezed by North with a 2-0 score. South's goals were scored by Larry Barnes and Johnathan Williams, both from Barth Elementary.

The second game was totally dominated by North, who beat South by a score of 9-4. Goals for North were scored by Wick Elementary's Sean Dick (who had five), Mike Fyfe, and Robert Garner (who scored two), and by Cory Elementary's Christopher Killibrew, Brian Holbrook, Alex Hackney, and Steven Koths, all of Barth Elementary, scored three of South's goals, with the fourth one coming from Halecreek Elementary's Matt Hartman.

The third game, which was played by the fifth- and sixth-grade girls, saw South gain a victory with a 3-1 score. All of South's goals were scored by Jill Kerr and Jessica May (who scored two); North's lone goal was gained thanks to Wick's representative, Cassandra Jackson.

The fourth game, a real overtime thriller, ended in a 2-2 tie score. South's goals were scored by Buddy Bigelow from Halecreek and Roger Maynor from Barth, and North's goals were scored

by Alan Brown from Cory and Matt Sprinkle from Hayti.

In the fifth and final game of the day, South's squad showed its strength by beating North 9-6. Goals for South were scored by Mike Chapman, Randy Orme, and Tony Saltzamacchia of Halecreek, Chris Drouillard of Merriman, and Gary Harris of Barth; Tony scored one goal, and the others accounted for two each. North's goals were scored by Wick's Tim Roberts (who scored two), Cory's Dan Fortune, and Hayti's Jim Cox (also scoring two) and David Thompson.

Free Video Classes

Omnicom Cable will be offering free video classes to all Romulus residents. The classes will include videotaping, scripting, and editing. The six-week session will begin on Monday, January 9, 1989, at the Omnicom studio in Canton; class will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For further information, contact Maria Holmes at 459-7321.

Holiday Youth Rollerskating Trips

A trip to the Westland Skateland is planned for Wednesday, January 4. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 12:30 p.m., and will return at 5:30 p.m. A cost of \$5 includes transportation, adult supervision, skate rental, and entrance from 1 to 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required by noon on January 3.

Woodhaven Skateland will be the site of the second holiday skating trip,

which is planned for Friday, January 6. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 12:45 p.m., and will return at 4:45 p.m. A cost of \$4.50 includes transportation, adult supervision, skate rental, and entrance. Pre-registration is required by noon on January 5.

Dance Class Registration

Classes in ballet, jazz, and tap will be offered. The new session begins January 11 and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is only \$15. Call the Recreation Office for further information on class times.

Discount Ski Packages

The Romulus Recreation Department has discount ski packages for Riverview Highlands beginning the week of January 9. The cost of four ski lessons, all equipment, and lifts is only

\$35 (this is normally a \$70-plus package), and, for those who have their own skis, the charge is only \$25. Certain guidelines must be met, and the minimum age for the junior program is eight years of age. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Women's Open Recreation Night

Women age 17 and over are invited to attend Women's Open Recreation Night at Wick Elementary on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The program will run through January 25, and will cost \$1 per evening. Activities will include exercising, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, indoor soccer, and other group games. Come in and join the fun!

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BUSINESS BAROMETER

by D. A. Atkins

The purpose of this column, the "Business Barometer," is to better acquaint you with the business people in the City. It highlights the owners, reporting their activities in our town and showing you how you can benefit from their presence here.

A-1 Auto Care

"The people in this town, even the business people, are very friendly and have accepted us very well." That was the response I received when I asked young David Markham, the owner of A-1 Auto Care, what he thought of our city.

Mr. Markham, the 29-year-old husband of a lovely lady named Marcin and the father of one, opened his repair shop in June of this year.

When asked about the 'business barometer' here in town, he replied, "Business is good in Romulus, and we are happy to be here."

Originally, Markham had a shop in the City of Wayne, but the building he worked out of was sold and he had to make a move.

A-1 Auto employs two people besides Markham, and both are Romulus residents.

The shop specializes in Corvettes, electrical work, brakes, tune-ups, and transmissions, and Markham's recent investment of \$40,000 in an analyzing machine will allow A-1 to extend its precision-care services even more. He also has an A.E.T. machine for those who need that type of testing done in order to get new plates for their car or truck.

He said he plans on being in Romulus for a long time to come.

Markham seems to like people, and his genial personality makes him a pleasure to be around. His favorite pastime is bowling, which he does every Friday night at the newly renovated Romulus Lanes at Five Points.

We at *The Romulus News* wish Mr. Markham all the luck in the world, and hope he does, in fact, stay in Romulus for years to come. □

Coffee Shop to Open

I, as well as other business people in this town, have long complained about the need for a small soup and sandwich shop in the Downtown area.

Lo and behold, we are going to get one very soon. The new "Coffee Shop" will be located at the corner of Sterling and Goddard (in the old Romulus Flowers by Tom), and will serve soup, sandwiches, fresh-brewed coffee, and delicious homemade pie by the slice.

Just the homemade pies and coffee should keep the new owners in business for a long time. Have you ever noticed that there aren't very many "skinny" people in Romulus?

At this writing, I have not yet learned the identity of the new owner, but un-

derstand that she is a very nice lady.

The coffee shop should be a blessing in disguise for all the business people, and for the seniors at Romulus Towers, as well. Mary Clark, one of the writers here at the Paper, will probably tell me every 15 minutes or so that she has an assignment to interview someone. When I ask her where it is supposed to be, she will more than likely say, "Oh, I think I'll just do the interview at the coffee shop." Oh, well, I guess I'll just have to give her an expense account. I just don't know if I can afford one big enough!

Welcome to Romulus, little coffee shop. □

Romulus Auto's

Ron Brugger

Ron Brugger, owner/operator of Romulus Auto Parts, Romulus Video, and Romulus Tanning, is very pleased with Romulus as a community and a place to do business.

Brugger worked in another auto-parts store for over twenty years before coming to Romulus to open up Romulus Auto. Running scared, however, has never been a fault of Bruggers, and he was not afraid to start a business with virtually nothing. Whenever he decides on a course of action, he tries his best to do things right, and most of the time his tremendous efforts are repaid with success.

Brugger is a very astute businessman, and he loves to help people whenever he possibly can. Probably one of the better employers in this city, Brugger helps his employees in many ways, and I'm not just speaking of financial assistance. He gives fatherly advice, takes them to dinner, comes up with impromptu gifts, and more.

He has a tendency to take a business that would normally do just fair, and make it very successful. How he does it is some sort of secret that he claims is not a secret at all, and he is probably right. Brugger says that, to be successful, you have to like people and not try to take advantage of them. He is absolutely right, as he has proven with both his auto parts store and his video shop.

By all rights, Brugger's video store should have been a failure in a town of this size, but he has made it into one of the largest privately owned video shops in the Downriver area. He has been able to purchase other property since then and, in the near future, plans on building a shopping center of sorts in the Downtown area that will include Romulus Auto, Romulus Video, and Romulus Tanning, along with other stores of interest.

This town needs more people like Ron Brugger. □

Gingerbread

by D. A. Atkins

Some of the students at Romulus High School built a gingerbread city, and it's on display at City Hall.

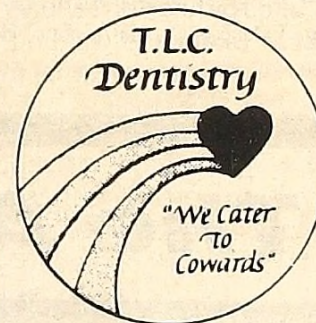
Baking gingerbread is hard enough without trying to make a city out of it, but these kids created a very nice-looking one, if you please.

It was fashioned after a typical Old-West town, and was very detailed. The students even put snow (made from cornstarch) on the rooftops for a final, realistic touch. Mayor McAnally and Councilman Pete Bergeron were on

hand to see the intricate work being executed.

The gingerbread city should be on display until after the first of the year, and it is quite a sight to see. If you have a few extra minutes, it would be well worth your while to go to City Hall and see just how inventive some of our students really are.

If awards were given for this particular type of project, the students involved in this one really deserve first place. □



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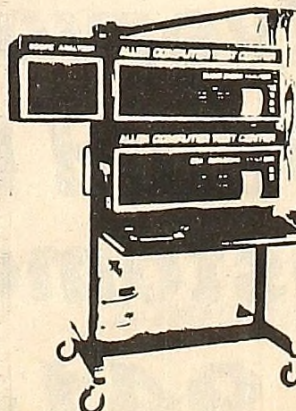
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Youth Afterschool Basketball Program

This program will begin on Monday, January 9, for third and fourth graders, and will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Wick, Cory, and Barth, and from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. at Merriman, Halecreek, and Hayti. The fifth and sixth graders will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, January 10, with the same schedule as the third and fourth graders. Those participants not already registered will pay a \$5 fee, which will include a t-shirt.

Drop-In Programs

The Recreation Department's Drop-In Programs will resume the week of January 9. Drop-In Program events include Co-Ed Volleyball (Mondays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the North Junior High; cost is \$1), Teen Basketball (Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the North Junior High, and Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Halecreek Elementary; cost is 75¢), and Men's Basketball (Thursdays, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Beacon Center; cost is \$1).

Other Activities

The following are some of the other activities that will be offered early in 1989.

January 14 — Saturday Recreation begins at Wick, Halecreek, Beacon, and Hayti schools. Elementary-age students attend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; junior-high students attend from 2 to 4 p.m.

January 18 — A Dinner Theatre will be held at Barth, presenting Ann Arbor's Goodtime Players in *The Secret Under the Stone in the Road*.

February 11 — Father/Son Bowling will be held.

February 16 — A Mother/Son Valentine Dance will be held at the North Junior High School.

February 18 — Adult Scotch Doubles Bowling will be held.

March 4 — Mother/Daughter Bowling will be held.

March 18 — Adult Nine-Pin Bowling will be held.

March 29 — A Luncheon Theatre will be held at Halecreek.

April 15 — Parent/Child Bowling will be held.

April 22 — Adult Scotch Doubles Bowling will be held. □

Free Bytes Computer Class Offered to First 60

It sounds too good to be true, but it isn't.

The Romulus Community School District, in cooperation with COMM TECH of Southfield, Michigan, is looking for 60 people to take a free, intensive, 480-hour computer-training program, followed by a free, highly successful job-placement service.

"You cannot find a better training program anywhere," said Adult and Community Education Director Bill Murphy.

The course offers basic programming and teaches word processing, spread sheets, and Lotus I, II, and III. Three classes are available: one from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday; another from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; and a third from 5 to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Classes begin January 9.

"If anyone is interested, he or she should call us immediately," Murphy said. His number is 941-0610. You can also register by calling COMM TECH at 443-2520. The classes are for people of any age who have their GED or are high-school dropouts, and for high-school graduates who have not yet turned 20.

Murphy said there is room for 60 students in the program this session.

The program is recognized for up to 15 hours of college credit at Cleary College and Highland Park Community College. Murphy said he is trying to have the course accepted for credit at Madonna College and Schoolcraft College, as well.

"There are jobs out there, if they'll just stick with it," said Murphy. □

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he assured her that nothing of the kind was going on.

McAnally said that the State Police investigation will continue. The possibility of warrants being issued against one or more past or present DPW employees still exists. □

Jump Rope for Heart

According to Sheila Stasak, School Coordinator for the event, students from Halecreek Elementary will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser scheduled for January 13, 1989, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Physical Education/Public Information Committee of the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) has initiated this community-service project to help promote the benefits of physical education and its importance in a balanced school curriculum. The proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan, which is the only voluntary health agency dedicated solely to conquering heart disease and stroke. The event will also help the school earn educational materials and athletic equipment.

Jump Rope for Heart is a three-hour event in which participants will jump as members of a six-person team. Each member will jump until tiring and then pass the rope to another team member. Each member will secure pledges before the Jump, and will collect the funds after the event.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Stasak at Halecreek Elementary School. □

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Volksmarch '88

by Theresa Little

November 12 was the day of the 10-K (approximately 6.2 miles) Volksmarch, in which the Girl Scout and Brownie troops of Romulus participated. I walked with my daughter Lenore's Brownie Troop #33 from Barth, so I would like to give you a rundown on how the day went for that troop in particular.

Also walking with me were Kim Long, troop leader; Linda Ryznar, assistant leader; and Sherry Cicerello, mother. The Brownies from our troop who participated were Tara Barzart, Carrie Cicerello, Megan Gilliland, Lenore Little, Amber Long, Bethany Thompson, and Caitland Thompson.

We met at Barth School and left for Monroe about 10 a.m. When we arrived at our starting point (St. Mary's Park), the girls played on the playground equipment while we checked in. By then, all of us adults had to go to the bathroom, and we made sure the girls went, too. As parents, we all know what happens when we go somewhere — as soon as we get to our destination (i.e., to the mall, to the park, to the grocery store, etc.), the first thing we hear is, "I have to go to the bathroom."

Having taken care of that, we were on our way. By that time, it was about 11 a.m., and the temperature was 40° with overcast skies — a nice, brisk day for a walk. We had to adjust ear muffs and scarfs, and make sure gloves were on — and then we checked the kids. They didn't seem to mind the cold; some of them didn't even want to wear their earmuffs and gloves. Kids are so resilient, aren't they?

Since it was a historical walk, we had a list of 58 historical sites that we could view on our route, and Linda read them off to us as we passed them. We passed such historical sites as St. Mary's Church, which was organized in 1788; Monroe Junior High School, which was built in 1928, and lauded as the finest in modern educational and architectural institutions; Memorial Place, where the River Raisin Massacre occurred in January, 1813, during the War of 1812 against the British General George Custer's family home, which they purchased in 1863; the home of Elizabeth Bacon, where she met and married George Armstrong Custer, and where they lived when army duties allowed them to be in Monroe; and St. Mary's Academy, which was opened by three nuns in 1846 and consisted of two small cabins. (Since then, many buildings have been added. In 1929, a fire destroyed the Academy, and in 1932 a new complex of buildings were built. The auditorium and conservatory were dedicated in 1960). We also saw many houses that were built in the 1800s.

A mile into the walk, I heard the words "I'm getting tired" uttered by my own daughter, Lenore. Then I was asked by another girl, "How many miles have we walked?"

About a mile and a half into our walk, two of the girls and Kim, our leader, and I were lagging a little behind, and Linda shouted that we had better catch up to the rest of the Brownie troop. I told her that one of the girls was getting tired, and she said, "Who, Kim?" We all laughed at that.

About two miles into the walk, Lenore shouted, "I'm hungry," and there soon followed a chant of, "I'm hungry, I'm hungry," from the rest of the girls. Linda appeased them for the moment by telling them we would stop and eat at the next park, and that stopped their chanting. Fifteen minutes later, we arrived at the park, which produced a chorus of "Yea"s. Everyone was ready to eat.

Having satisfied our appetites and drunk hot chocolate, courtesy of Kim (bless her heart), we were on our way again. We had gone about three blocks when I reached into my pocket for my ink-pen, in order to continue my journal, and found that it was gone. I retraced my steps all the way back to the picnic area, found my pen, and caught up with the rest of the troop, where Linda continued her historical readings.

A little ways further, I heard, "Are we almost to the museum?" (meaning the Monroe County Historical Museum). Lenore asked that question for the tenth time since we heard about it and found out we could go inside and look around. We did finally get there, and then went on a little tour. The museum includes exhibits of General Custer, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko (Miss America, 1988, who is from Monroe), and other Monroe County history. By this time, we were about four miles into our walk, and the girls were getting a little tired.

Our last leg of the journey took us around St. Mary's Academy, where Caitlin, Bethany, and I (we were lagging behind) watched a squirrel dig a nut out of the ground where he probably had buried it weeks ago. It wasn't an uncommon sight, but, at that moment, it occurred to me that nature does, indeed, work in mysterious ways. Then we stopped, after catching up with the rest of the troop, to have another drink of hot chocolate (which, by this time, wasn't quite as hot as before, but still tasted good).

Another mile to go. We didn't have any doubts that we would make it the rest of the way — we just weren't sure who we would be carrying. All kidding aside, we all did make it, and no one had to be carried, although a couple of the girls had to be encouraged to keep going, they could make it. They did make it, and all received their Volksmarch 1988 patch.

We were all very proud of our girls, and they and all of the girls from the other troops who finished or attempted to finish should be proud of themselves. It was a fun day and an educational one. □



On November 19, 1988, the cheerleaders of Romulus Junior High School took first place in a competition between nine teams at Schoolcraft Community College. It was the first time the school had ever participated in a cheerleading competition. Left to right, they are: (front row) Captain Barbara Markowski, Susan Kreft, and Julia Parrish; (second row) Christy Raupp, Co-Captain Renee Godell, and Emily Kesner; and (third row) Coach Jane McCraight, Georgette Wiginton, and Lakeisha Holmes. Congratulations, ladies! (Thanks to Stacie Brown for submitting the photo and the information.)

Happy Holidays

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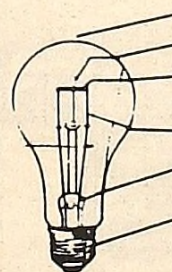
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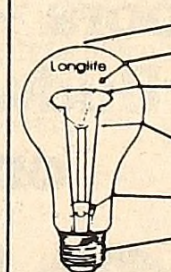
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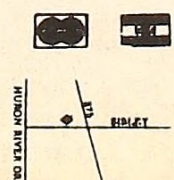
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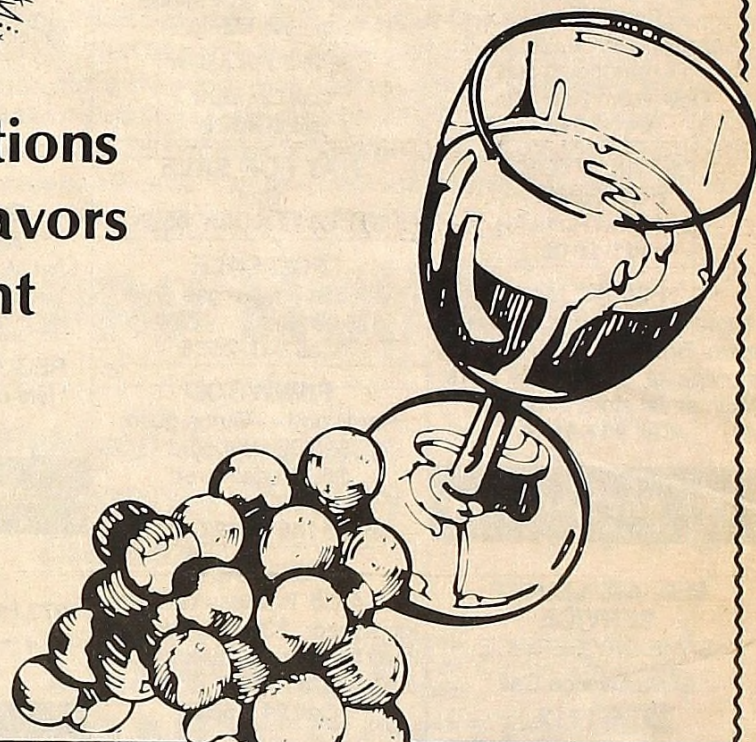
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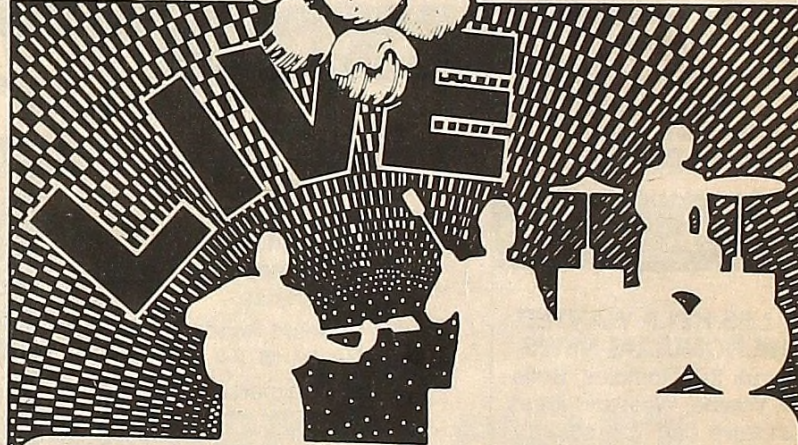
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